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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION)
OF CUSTARD APPLE JAM AND THE)
CUSTARD APPLE JAM THUS OBTAINED)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Actions dated April 04, 2011, the undersigned declares as follows:

1. I, S. Rajarathnam, a citizen of India, hereby declare that I am one of the inventors of the application entitled "A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CUSTARD APPLE JAM AND THE CUSTARD APPLE JAM THUS OBTAINED". I am residing at the below-referenced address. I am working as "Chief Scientist" at Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore which is a premier Research Institution under the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research. I have 37 years of experience in Research and Development of Fruits and Vegetables. I have published several research papers in international journals and am an inventor of 24 patents and applications for patents on various aspects of Preservation and processing of Fruits Vegetables including mushrooms. My detailed Curriculum Vitae is attached herewith.

2. I have reviewed all the office actions issued from USPTO regarding this application and the documents McGee (McGee, H. 1984. On Food and Cooking. pp. 170-172), Section 5.3 entitled "Chemical Preservation" of Dauthy (Dauthy, M.E. 1995. "Fruit and Vegetable Processing." FAO Agricultural service Bulletin 119,) and Rao (Rao, S.N. 1974 "Anonas the legendary fruit" Indian Horticulture, Agric. Coll. Bapatia, Ap. India. Vol. 19. pp. 19-21) as cited by the Examiner. In the office action dated April 04th, 2011, the Examiner has asked to

provide some data which shows that unexpected results have been obtained by performing the specific steps of the present invention as compared to the prior art. Therefore, I have carried out experiments showing that the process of present invention provides unexpectedly better custard apple jam in comparison to process of prior art.

3. The custard apple jam prepared by the two processes is given below. The processes are as follows:

Jam 1 was prepared in accordance with process of the present invention and included the following sequence of steps:- (a) add 1st stage sweetening agent; (b) perform 1st stage heating (c) add 2nd stage sweetening agent; and (d) perform 2nd stage heating. More particularly, the process comprised:-

- a) mixing a sweetening agent (300g of sugar) with custard apple pulp (450g);
- b) then, partially dehydrating the mixture below the temperature of 55 °C under vacuum (0.2-0.8kg/cm²);
- c) adding a syrup comprising sweetening agent (268 g), pectin (8g) and citric acid (4.3g) to the partially dehydrated mixture; and
- d) boiling the mixture at a temperature of 95°C and cooling to obtain the jam.

Jam 2 was prepared in accordance with the teaching of McGee and Rao which included the following steps:-

mixing a sweetening agent (568g of sugar) with custard apple pulp (450g);

- a) adding citric acid (4.3g); and
- b) boiling the mixture at a temperature of 95°C and cooling to obtain the jam.

4. It can be observed that the distinction between the two processes lies in number of stages in which sugar was added and number of stages in which heating was performed. The specific four stages outlined by steps (a)-(d) not only include the addition of sweetening agent in two stages, they also include two phases of heating. On the other hand, the process cited in prior art only includes addition of sweetening agent in one stage and one stage heating.

5. The following observations were made with regard to the jams prepared by the above two processes:

Parameters	Jam 1	Jam 2
Bitterness	Absent	Present
Off flavor	Absent	Present
Taste	Very excellent	Not acceptable

6. The data clearly shows Jam 1 (prepared in accordance with the teachings of the present invention) is far superior than Jam 2 (prepared in accordance with the combined teachings of McGee and Rao) in terms of its organoleptic properties, shelf life, free of bitterness and off flavor. We attribute the improvement in the properties of the Jam (which are un-expected) to the process of making the Jam. More particularly, we attribute the un-expected improved properties to (a) adding the sweetening agent in two-stages; (b) performing the heating in two-stages; and (c) interlacing the two-stages of adding sweetening agent and the two-stages of heating.

7. We would also like to bring to your knowledge that the pulp removed from mature, ripe custard apple fruits in bulk under pilot scale, when heated during processing to a temperature above 55°C turned intensively bitter, off flavoured and discolored. Hence here is a process which depicts preparation of bitter free jam with introduction of an additional step of partial dehydration of the pulp at a temperature not exceeding 55 °C. Thus, the process emphatically emphasizes the importance of partial dehydration of the pulp at 55°C without which a final product free of bitterness, off flavor and discoloration is not possible to be achieved.

8. The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Educational Qualifications:

University	Degree	Year	Division / Class / Grade
University of Mysore	B.Sc.	1971	First Class*
"	M.Sc. (Botany)	1973	First Class**
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Ph.D Thesis: "Studies on pathological and biochemical aspects during cultivation and storage of the white oyster mushroom, *Pleurotus flabellatus*"(Guide:Dr.M.V.Patwardhan)

Research Experience: 36 Years

Patents: 24

Technologies Developed: 24

Publications:

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| a) Research Papers | - 41 |
| b) Reviews Presented at Symposia | - 22 |
| c) International Reviews/Chapter for Text Books | - 19 |
| d) Popular Article | - 1 |

Fields of Research Experience:

1. Post-harvest technology for extension of storage life of fresh fruits and vegetables.
2. Processing and development of value added products from fruits, vegetables and mushrooms.
3. Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry of mushrooms, fruits and vegetables.
4. Large scale mushroom production and processing.
5. Nutraceuticals from fruits, vegetables and mushrooms.

Awards:

1. Received the "**National Technology Award**" by the **Ministry of Science and Technology**, New Delhi, on **11th May 2003** for contribution to the development and transfer of technology on "**Large scale production of organic quality mushrooms and processed products for domestic and export trade**".

2. Awarded the **First Prize** for poster presentation on "**Avenues for processing of custard apple**", in the IFCON 2003 held during 5-8th Dec. 2003 at CFTRI, Mysore.

Recognitions:

- 1) Based on the database inquiries, **selected as a “Referee” to the American Chemical Society (USA) and British Mycological Society (UK).**
- 2) **Selected at the world level** for contributions of two articles on **“Mushrooms” in Encyclopedia of Food Science and Nutrition, Academic Press, U.S.A.** published once in ten years (10 Volumes costing Rs 1,00,000/-).

Others:

- 1) Serving as Referee to Department of Biotechnology and Department of Science and Technology, DSIR and CSIR, New Delhi for evaluating the project proposals, for financial support.
- 2) Serving as a member of Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi.
- 3) Serving as editor to the Journal of Food Science and Technology (India)
- 4) Worked as Principal investigator and Co-principal investigator of Department of Biotechnology (New Delhi) sponsored projects on Mushroom Science and Technology since 1993.
- 5) As Principal Investigator of several other projects on fruits and vegetables

List of Publications

I. Research Papers

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8. Zakia Bano, **Rajarithnam. S** and N.Nagaraja (1978). Some aspects on the cultivation of *Pleurotus flabellatus* in India. **Mushroom Science (France), X (2),** 597-608.
9. Zakia Bano, N.Nagaraja, **Rajarithnam. S** and M.V.Patwardhan (1979) Cultivation of *Pleurotus* species in a village model hut. **Indian Food Packer XXXIII (6),** 19-25.
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V. Popular Article

83. Contributed to the formation of the book "The Great Indian Mushrooms" (1992), for wide circulation, printed and published on behalf of **Ministry of Food Processing Industries**, Govt. of India, (20,000 copies for distribution).

VI. Patents

1. A process for the preparation of jam from custard apple. M.R. Vijayalakshmi ,M.N Shashirekha, S. Rajarathnam, and Revathy Baskaran.
2. A process for the preparation of fruit mix from custard apple. Revathy Baskaran, S. Rajarathnam, M.N. Shashirekha and M.R. Vijayalakshmi.
3. A process for the preparation of dehydrated product from custard apple. S. Rajarathnam, M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Baskaran.
4. A process for the preparation of cereal flakes from custard apple. M.R. Vijayalakshmi S. Rajarathnam, M.N. Shashirekha, Revathy Baskaran.
5. A process for the preparation of nectar from custard apple. S. Rajarathnam, M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, and Revathy Baskaran.
6. A process for the preparation of jelly from custard apple. M.N. Shashirekha, S. Rajarathnam, M.R. Vijayalakshmi and Revathy Baskaran.
7. A process for preparation of shelf stable custard apple pulp. M.N. Shashirekha, S. Rajarathnam, M.R. Vijayalakshmi and Revathy Baskaran .
8. Custard apple powder and a method for preparation. Revathy Baskaran, M.R. Vijayalakshmi , M.N. Shashirekha and S. Rajarathnam.
9. A process for preparation of microfiltered RTS beverage from custard apple. Ib. Singh, M.R. Vijayalakshmi , M.N. Shashirekha and S. Rajarathnam.
10. A process for discoloration free dehydrated pear. M.N. Shashirekha, Mahadevama, P.V. Salimath and S. Rajarathnam.
11. An improved process for the storage of fresh mushrooms. M.N. Shashirekha, S. Rajarathnam, M.C. Varadaraj and K.R. Kumar.
12. An improved device for economic production of an edible fungus. S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano and M.N. Shashirekha.

13. A simple process for organic production of an edible fungus. S.Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano and M.N. Shashirekha.
14. A process for the preparation of instant natural fruit milk shake powders. S.Rajarathnam, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Baskaran and M.N. Shashirekha.
15. A process for the preparation of spray dried powder from kinnow orange. Revathy Baskaran, M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, K.V. R. Ramana and S. Rajarathnam.
16. A process for the preparation of jelly from kinnow orange. M.N. Shashirekha, Revathy Baskaran, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, K.V.R. Ramana and S. Rajarathnam.
17. A process for the preparation of instant soup mix from broccoli. M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Baskaran and S. Rajarathnam.
18. A process for the preparation of RTS beverage from banana pseudostem. M.R. Vijayalakshmi and S. Rajarathnam.
19. A process for the extension of storage life of fresh custard apple fruits by surface coating with cactus mucilage. M.N. Shashirekha and S. Rajarathnam.
20. A process for herbal ripening of banana. M.N. Shashirekha, M.N. Keshavaprakash, B.S. Sridhar, R.S. Matche and S. Rajarathnam.
21. Utilization of coffee wastes for production of edible biomass. Sanjukta Patra, V.R. Sarath babu, M.S. Thakur, M.N. Shashirekha and S. Rajarathnam.
22. Artificial ripening device for banana and similar fruits B.S. Sridhar, M.N. Keshava Prakash, M.N. Shashirekha and S. Rajarathnam.
23. A process for preparation of beverage and jelly from mangosteen fruit rind. M.N. Shashirekha, Shylaja M. Dharmesh, and S. Rajarathnam.
24. A process for the preparation of bio-functional beverage from sweet orange (Citrus sinensis) M.N. Shashirekha, Shylaja M. Dharmesh, and S. Rajarathnam.

VII. Technology / Process / Product development:

a) List of processes:

Sl.No.	Title	Authors
1.	Large scale production of oyster mushrooms on coir pith	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
2.	Large scale production of oyster mushrooms-Urban model	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
3.	Large scale production of oyster mushrooms-Rural model	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
4.	Process for oyster mushroom dehydration.	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
5.	Oyster mushroom-Pickle & sweet chutney.	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
6.	Mushroom canning	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
7.	Large scale production of oyster mushrooms on coffee pulp	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha.
8.	Mushroom production by using substrate supplemented with cotton seed meal	S. Rajarathnam, Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha
9.	Shelf stable custard apple pulp	M.N. Shashirekha S. Rajarathnam M.R. Vijayalakshmi Revathy Baskaran and Ramesh M.N.
10.	RTS beverage from micro-filtered custard apple juice	Iboyama singh, M.R. Vijayalakshmi M.N. Ramesh Revathy Baskaran M.N. Shashirekha S. Rajarathnam
11.	Instant mushroom soup mix	S. Rajarathnam Zakia Bano M.N. Shashirekha and Ramesh, M.N.
12.	Custard apple Jam, Jelly and fruit mix	M.R. Vijayalakshmi M.N. Shashirekha Revathy Baskaran M.N. Ramesh S. Rajarathnam

13.	Debittering of kinnow orange juice for preparation of concentrate and sweetened juice	S.K. Berry, Seghal, Shashirekha, M.N., Revathy Bhaskaran, K.V.R. Ramana, Rajarathnam, S., Venkatesh Murthy, Mohan Lal, Vijayalakshmi, M.R, Asha
14.	Process for preparation of jelly and spray dried powder from kinnow orange, free of bitterness	M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi Revathy Baskaran K.V.R. Ramana S. Rajarathnam
15.	Process for preparation of product from Pear-dehydrated	M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Bhaskaran, M.R. Asha, P.C.S. Nambiar and S. Rajarathnam
16.	Process for preparation of product from Pear-Juice	M.R. Vijayalakshmi, M.N., Shashirekha, Revathy Bhaskaran, M.R. Asha, P.C.S. Nambiar and S. Rajarathnam
17.	Process for preparation of product from Pear-Powder	Revathy Bhaskaran, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Asha, P.C.S. Nambiar and S. Rajarathnam
18.	A process for herbal ripening of banana	M.N. Shashirekha, L. Jagan Mohan Rao, M.N. Keshav Prakash, B.S. Sridhar and S. Rajarathnam
19.	A process for development of cereal flakes and spray dried powder from custard apple.	M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Baskaran, M.N. Shashirekha, Umesh Hebbar and S. Rajarathnam
20.	A process for development of instant broccoli soup mix.	M.N. Shashirekha, M.R. Vijayalakshmi, Revathy Baskaran and S. Rajarathnam
21.	Process for the extension of storage life of custard apple	M.N. Shashirekha, Umesh Hebbar and S. Rajarathnam.
22.	Process know-how for the preparation of blended beverages from banana pseudostem juice	M.R. Vijayalakshmi, P.C. S. Nambiar and S. Rajarathnam
23.	A process for preparation of beverage and jelly from sweet orange (<i>Citrus sinensis</i>) fruit	M.N. Shashirekha, Shylaja M. Dharmesh, S. Rajarathnam, Umesh Hebbar, Prem Vishwanath, Maya Prakash, Vijayalakshmi

24.	A process for preparation of nutraceutical beverage and jelly from mangosteen rind	M.N.Shashirekha ,Shylaja M.Dharmesh S.Rajarathnam , Umesh Hebbar, Maya Prakash
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b) List of products developed:

1. Instant natural fruit milk shake powders
2. RTS custard apple beverage
3. Stable ,frozen custard apple pulp.
- 4 Kinnow orange jelly.
5. Kinnow orange spray dried powder.
6. Instant mushroom soup mix.
7. Texturized banana (at lab scale)
8. Texturized mango (at lab scale)
9. Cereal flakes from kinnow orange
(directly without debittering process)
10. Marmalade from Kinnow orange (directly
without debittering)
- 11.RTS beverage from kinnow orange
(directly without debittering process)
12. Mushroom pickle
13. Mushroom sweet chutney
14. Pear juice
15. Dehydrated broccoli
16. Broccoli soup mix
17. RTS banana pseudo stem beverage
18. Mushroom biscuits
19. Mushroom flakes
20. RTS beverage from pear
- 21.Button Mushroom beverage
22. Pear dehydrated
23. Mangosteen rind beverage
- 24.Mangosteen rind jelly
- 25.Sweet orange de-bittered bio-functional beverage
- 26.Sweet orange de-bittered jelly
- 27.Bio-functional mushroom jelly
